

A CATECHISM
FOR
INFANT CLASSES

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NOTE.

THE teacher will observe that most of the *answers* to the questions in this little catechism are given in full, or sufficiently so to make complete sense. This is done because the answer contains the *instruction* intended to be given, and is that part which the child commits to memory. It should therefore be intelligible, so that if the questions were removed an intelligent statement of truth would remain. A catechism is a treatise in catechetical form.

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LESSON I.

1. WHO made you?

God made me.

2. Who is God?

God is our Heavenly Father.

3. Where is God?

God is everywhere.

4. Can we see God?

No; we cannot see God.

5. Why cannot we see God?

Because God is a spirit.

6. Does God know all things?

Yes; God knows everything.

7. Can God do all things?

Yes; God can do anything.

8. Who made the heavens and the earth?

God made all things in the heavens and in the earth.

LESSON II.

1. Who was the first man?

Adam was the first man.

2. Who was the first woman?

Eve was the first woman.

3. Where did Adam and Eve live?

In the garden of Eden.

4. Did they always live in the garden of Eden?

No; God turned them out of it.

5. Why did God turn them out?

Because they disobeyed him.

6. Did they ever return to the garden of Eden?

No; an angel guarded the gate with a flaming sword.

7. Were Adam and Eve happy in the garden of Eden?

Yes; they were very happy.

8. Were they happy after they were turned out of the garden?

No; they were very unhappy, because they had displeased God.

LESSON III.

1. Who was the first murderer?

Cain, Adam's oldest son.

2. Whom did he kill?

He killed his brother Abel.

3. Why did Cain kill his brother?

Because Cain was a wicked man and hated his brother.

4. Did all the people in the world become very wicked?

Yes; so wicked that God destroyed them with a flood.

5. How long did the flood last?

One hundred and fifty days.

6. How high did the water rise?

Until the tops of the mountains were covered.

7. Did anybody escape?

Yes; Noah and his family were saved.

8. How were they saved?

In a great boat called the ark.

9. Why were Noah and his family saved?

Because Noah was a good man and obeyed God.

LESSON IV.

1. Who was the oldest man that ever lived?

Methuselah.

2. How long did he live?

He lived nine hundred and sixty-nine years.

3. Who was the wisest man that ever lived?

Solomon, the king of Israel.

4. Who was the strongest man?

Samson was the strongest man.

5. Who was called "the friend of God."

The patriarch Abraham.

6. Why was he called the friend of God?

Because he loved and obeyed God.

7. What did God promise Abraham?

To give him and his children the land of Canaan.

8. What greater promise did God make Abraham?

That one of his children should be the Saviour of the world.

LESSON V.

1. Who is the Saviour of the world?

The Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Who is the Lord Jesus Christ?

He is the Son of God and the Son of Man.

3. What has he done to save the world?

He came from heaven and suffered and died on the cross for the world.

4. How did he come into the world?

He was born into the world as a little child.

5. Who was his mother?

The virgin Mary.

6. Where was he born?

In Bethlehem of Judea.

7. Who came to see him at his birth?

A company of shepherds.

8. Where did they find the child?

Lying in a manger with his mother.

9. How did the shepherds know that it was the Saviour?

An angel from heaven told them.

10. Who else came to see the infant Saviour?

Wise men from the east.

11. What did they do?

They worshiped him, and gave him costly presents.

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LESSON VI.

1. What did the Saviour's mother call him?

She called him Jesus, which means Saviour.

2. Who sought to kill Jesus?
Herod, the king of the Jews.

3. How did Jesus escape?

He was taken into Egypt.

4. How long did he remain in Egypt?

Until after Herod's death.

5. Where did Jesus live after he returned from Egypt?

In Nazareth, a town in Galilee.

6. How long did he live in Nazareth?

Until he was about thirty years old.

7. What is said of Jesus as a child?

That he was obedient, loving, and good.

8. What do we know about his life at Nazareth?

We know very little.

LESSON VII.

1. Who came preaching in the wilderness of Judea?

John the Baptist.

2. What did he tell the people to do?

To repent of their sins.

3. What did he say was at hand?

“The kingdom of heaven.”

4. What did he mean by the kingdom of heaven?

The gospel which Jesus came to preach.

5. What else did John do?

He baptized multitudes of people.

6. Why did he baptize them?

To prepare them to receive Jesus as the Saviour of the world.

7. What became of John the Baptist?

He was put to death by Herod.

8. Was Jesus baptized by John?

Yes; John baptized him at the river Jordan.



LESSON VIII.

1. What happened when Jesus was baptized?

The heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him.

2. What else happened?

A voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son."

3. Where did Jesus go after he was baptized?

He went into the wilderness.

. How long did Jesus fast in the wilderness?

Forty days and forty nights.

5. What then happened to him?

He was tempted of the devil.

6. What did Jesus do after the temptation?

He preached the gospel in many places in Palestine, and did many wonderful works.

7. What were some of the wonderful works which he did?

He healed the sick, raised the dead, and cast out devils.

8. How did Jesus feel toward the people?

He loved everybody and did good to all.

LESSON IX.

1. Did the people believe in Jesus?

Some did, but many did not.

2. What did Jesus do for those who believed in him?

He pardoned their sins and made them Christians.

3. What did he say of those who would not believe on him?

He said they must die in their sins and be lost forever.

4. What did he say of little children?

He said they belonged to the kingdom of heaven.

5. How did he show his love for them?

He took them in his arms and blessed them.

6. What did he say to the people?

That they must repent and believe the gospel.

LESSON X.

1. How did Jesus die?

He was crucified by wicked men.

2. Why did Jesus submit to be crucified?

Because he came into the world to die for sinners.

3. Are all men sinners?

"No man liveth and sinneth not."

4. Did Jesus die for all men?

He died for all men, for you and for me.

5. May all men be saved?

Yes; if they will repent and believe on Jesus.

6. Did Jesus come to life again?

Yes; he rose from the dead on the third day after he was crucified.

7. Did Jesus go up to heaven again?

Yes; forty days after he rose from the dead, he ascended to heaven.

8. Where is Jesus now?

He is in heaven, at the right hand of God.

9. Will Jesus ever come back to this world?

He will come again at the end of the world.

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